

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council
held in the Parish Church on Wednesday 2 August 2017
Wednesday 2nd August 2017**

PRESENT: Councillor J S F Jonik – (Chairman)
Councillor M R D Barton
Councillor N J M Barton
Councillor J B R Durham
Councillor K Lewcock

OFFICERS: Mrs Linda Roberts – Parish Clerk

IN ATTENDANCE: R Gamble – Wiltshire Council

223/17 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Mrs Morgan-Frise and Councillor Justin Hunt Davis.

224/17 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Parish Clerk declared an interest in agenda item 8.3 which was seeking approval of payment of invoice for Locum Clerk Services, prior to her permanent appointment on 21 June 2017.

225/17 MINUTES

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 21 June 2017, having previously been circulated were signed by the Chairman, Councillor Jonik as a correct record.

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 1 March 2017, having previously been circulated were signed by the Chairman, Councillor Jonik as a correct record.

226/17 REPORT FROM UNITARY COUNCILLOR RICHARD GAMBLE

Councillor Gamble reported that the new Extra Care Centre in Devizes had proven an excellent venue for the last Area Board meeting.

He advised members that Devizes Town Centre would shortly be renewing their Public Space Protection Order. This Order gives extra powers to the Police to move people on who are acting anti socially. Whilst this is not extended to cover the parishes surrounding Devizes it is something that parishes might like to think about introducing where there are

incidents of anti- social behaviour. Councillor Gamble was aware that some parishes had suffered from people drinking in the streets and urinating in public spaces. Referring to Erlestoke he was aware that there is a problem with people coming into Erlestoke to throw phones and drugs over the prison wall, he suggested that maybe a protection order was a method to deal with the problem. He went on to say that the Police 101 service had been the subject of many complaints and that the Inspector was trying to find a solution to the problem. Some of the issues stem from under resourcing and staff training.

Councillor Gamble understood that it had been difficult to convince the Highways Engineers to agree to the installation of the school crossing sign. The chairman Councillor Jonik reported that CATF had agreed it is investigated and that the replacement sign had been included in this year's CATG budget.

Councillor Lewcock advised that this issue had been on-going for some time and it was very frustrating when answers to questions had not been forthcoming from Wiltshire Council officers and stated that a proposal which was made nearly twelve months ago by the Parish Council to purchase the sign to facilitate a swift solution had still not been acknowledged or agreed upon.

The other area of concern regarding road safety was the crossroads at lower road. The missing sign has been reported on the Wiltshire APP a number of times. However, the Chair Councillor Jonik advised there had been a response from CATG regarding the replacement finger post. The members were reminded by Councillor Gamble that the Parish Council must support and endorse any road safety schemes put forward to the CATG adding that if the Parish Council offered to contribute towards a scheme it would be considered favourably by CATG.

The Parish Clerk suggested that she should make contact with the Community Area Manager, who attend CATG meeting to discuss these issues and establish a plan of action going forward and it was agreed that the Parish Council would offer to make contributions towards the outstanding issues to expedite progress.

Councillor Gamble also suggested writing a letter, and copying him in, to Graham Robinson (Highways at Wiltshire Council) expressing the Parish Council's grave concerns over these outstanding road safety issues.

The Parish Clerk would also seek input from the Police following two serious road accidents which had occurred in the vicinity to see if they might add support to the case for the urgency of these signs.

Members also discussed and agreed that the Parish Council should perhaps set some budget aside for any future highways issues which may arise.

Councillor Gamble reported that there was an initiative to Commemorative the first world war in planting trees in memory of victim. He advised that the Parish Council would be sent more details of the scheme. first world war

227/17 DEFIBRILLATOR TRAINING

Councillor Mrs Barton confirmed that Julia Doel had agreed to run a training event in the Church to train residents to use a defibrillator. It was confirmed that it will take place on Thursday 31 August at 7pm in the church.

Councillor Mrs Barton will arrange for flyers to be circulated and put up on notice boards. As the next pop up pub was scheduled for 25 August this might be a further opportunity to publicise the training.

228/17 DONATION OF PHOTOGRAPH BY RESIDENT

Councillor Barton reported that she had recently met Rod Coverly and his wife Sandy, the ex-pub landlords who have kindly donated a photograph to the parish council of the Erlestoke steam train. Members agreed that it should be framed and reserved and that it should be hung in the Church for now (following permission being sought).

Member agreed that a thank you letter from the Parish Council should be sent to Mr and Mrs Coverly.

229/17 WILTSHIRE COUNCIL HOUSING ALLOCATION CONSULTATION

It was agreed that there were no implications for Erlestoke and therefore no response was needed to the consultation. It was reported that the Neighbourhood Planning Group would shortly be compiling all information they have gathered to date and that it was highly likely that a Village Design Statement would be produced.

230/17 FINANCE

It was proposed by Councillor Durham, seconded by Councillor Mrs Barton and **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** to approve payment of the following invoices:

Aon Insurance	£373.06
Miles & Francis	£395.00 (Maintenance to play area, recreation field And secret garden)
Linda Roberts	£243.40 – Locum Clerk Services, April – June 2017

230.1/17 FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The financial statement to the end of May 2017, having previously been circulated was noted.

231/17 RECEIVING OF ELECTRONIC SUMMONS AND AGENDAS

It was proposed by the Chairman Councillor Jonik, seconded by Councillor Lewcock and

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to approve the receipt of summon and agendas to meetings by electronic means, bearing an electronic signature of the Clerk.

232/17 EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION AND ON-GOING MATTERS

232.1/17 BROADBAND

It was agreed that the Parish Council should write to Wiltshire Council requesting a quick solution to the very slow broadband speeds experienced in the village. It was also suggested this should be a main agenda item at the next meeting.

232.2/17 PLAY EQUIPMENT – ROSPA INSPECTION

The Parish Clerk advised that there would be a Play Equipment Inspection in September.

233.3/17 ERLESTOKE LAKES

The Chairman, Councillor advised that water tests had been carried out on the lakes which had shown high levels of PH in some areas, however there was no chlorine in the water and there is very little acidity. It was also confirmed that there is no blue algae, which is toxic, present in the lakes.

The Chairman Councillor Jonik reported that once they had received the engineers report from the MOD regarding the repairs to the dam the Parish Council could start to investigate grant funding opportunities to match fund the investment being made by the MOD so that more enhancements and improvement could be made to the area.

It was agreed that a representative from the MOD should be invited to the next meeting to address the Parish Council.

The meeting closed at 9.45pm

Date of Next Meeting 13 September 2017

Signed: Dated: 13 September 2017
Chairman

